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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE -- KOREA: FISHING BOAT SEIZURE

1. FOLLOWING GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN
ON AUGUST 30.

2. QUOTE: QUESTION: IN ADDITION TO ALL THE OTHER GOOD
NEWS FROM KOREA TODAY, WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE
REPORTED SEIZURE OF A SOUTH KOREAN FISHING VESSEL BY THE
NORTH KOREANS? (17 TON, SIN JIN HO, 23 PERSONS ABOARD,
SEIZED OFF EAST COAST OF KOREA).

3. ANSWER: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE VESSEL WAS SEIZED IN
WATERS NEAR THE EXTENSION OF THE SOUTH-NORTH BOUNDARY
DURING A PERIOD OF REDUCED VISIBILITY. THE AREA IS FISHED
HEAVILY BY BOTH SIDES AND NAVIGATIONAL ERRORS ARE FREQUENT.

4. QUESTION: DO YOU SEE ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN THE
SEIZURE AND THE PRESENT SITUATION IN KOREA?

5. ANSWER: NO. THERE HAVE BEEN PREVIOUS SEIZURES OF
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FISHING VESSELS IN COASTAL WATERS.

6. NO QUESTIONS ASKED ON SEIZURE AT AUGUST 30 BRIEFING. KISSINGER

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